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As a below named inventor I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

(Title of the Invention)

UPPER LAYER FILM FORMING COMPOSITION FOR LIQUID IMMERSION AND METHOD OF FORMING PHOTORESIST PATTERN

The specification of which:

a. ☐ is attached hereto;

OR

b. ☒ was filed on 14 January 2005
as United States Application Serial No. _____
or PCT International Application Number PCT/JP2005/000346
and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below, by checking the appropriate box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on the basis of which priority is claimed:

a. ☐ no such applications have been filed.

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				YES	NO
JAPAN	2004-008466	15, January, 2004		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
JAPAN	2004-185706	24, June, 2004		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
JAPAN	2004-233463	10, August, 2004		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120/365 of any United States and PCT international application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 (reprinted below):

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- (2) It refutes, or is inconsistent with, a position the applicant takes in:
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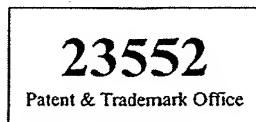
- (1) Each inventor named in the application;
- (2) Each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application; and
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I hereby authorize them to act and rely on instructions from and communicate directly with the person/assignee/attorney/firm/ organization who/which first sends/sent this case to them and by whom/which I hereby declare that I have consented after full disclosure to be represented unless/until I instruct Merchant & Gould P.C. to the contrary.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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